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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application and made of record therein. Full text copies of the relevant documents are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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